

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

NEWS, FACTS AND GOSSIP.

Various kinds of office-holders, Senators, Judges and the New York Assembly.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, January 9.—When the Puritan fathers resolved that the land occupied by the Indians belonged to the saints, and that they were the saints, they but foreshadowed the course of many of their descendants and others in regard to the offices of the Federal Government. Until the selection of Cleveland was placed beyond a doubt Republican office-holders here, not only representing their own States, but Virginia and other southern States, regarded themselves generally as entitled to these places for life.

From their standpoint the United States proper was bounded on the north by the St. Lawrence and the south by the Potomac. All south of the Potomac was a hostile territory, and entitled in their judgment neither to the right of self-government nor to the privilege of holding any place at Washington. A little fellow, for example, who would hardly turn the scales at a hundred weight walk "the avenue" before the last election did in a slim, long, brown overcoat, such as tradition says John Randolph wore, and honestly think that a southern senator ought to have the right of a small baronet on the Government ship of State and received only \$1,200 a year, but then he believed he belonged to the privileged saints who were to rule the country for all time. Then he had answered, after being duly coached, the civil-service questions as to the length of the Merrimack river, the height of Bunker-Hill, the age of Minerva, the wealth of Jay Gould, and the year the Mayflower landed. Then he knew, too, the height of Mount Saint Elias and who struck Billy Patterson. This knowledge, coupled with the fact that he parted his hair in the middle and could say, "Am't you going?" gave him a right, he thought, to feel superior to those who said, "Jenny river and some-times drink coffee out of a silver cup through Queen Victoria, I hear, is guilty of the same impropriety. He can hardly now realize that "the grand old party" has gone under and that southerners are to have equality under the Government. It will not do to talk to him. His hope, however, is that his patron saint, Dorman B. Eaton, will manage to keep him in his place, even though he has gone home at every election and regularly boasted of the immense aid he has given the Republican party machine. There are other types of office-holders from New England and elsewhere who have not been as drowsy, and who, in their free-and-easy way, now declare they are Democrats. The situation here is a study, and there is a great deal of human nature in it. The more robust Republicans, however, who have given the Democrats the hardest lick, accept the situation as the fate of war, and declare that what may, they did their best for their party, but that Burchard were against them. They would, they add, do so again. They pluckily assert that they will roll up their sleeves four years hence and elect Blaine or some other Republican. The Democrats admire their pluck, and laughingly reply that they will be on hand in increased force.

VIRGINIA MATTERS.

The petition of the School Board of the city of Richmond in favor of the Blair educational bill, laid before the House by the Hon. George D. Wise, to-day, went to the Committee on Education, of which Mr. Willis, of Kentucky, is chairman. Hon. John S. Wise ridicules the idea that he wants to be a law professor at the University of Virginia. He says to be a professor there is to be buried, and he is not just ready yet for interment. And yet there are Democrats here who really think he is dead politically. He walks around quite briskly, however, and does not outwardly show any signs of being aware of his condition. Judge William J. Robertson was in the city to-day. Hon. John S. Barbour has gone to New York. Senator Riddleberger is making most active opposition to the Spanish treaty. He favors, I hear, an open discussion of all treaties. Mr. Libby wants the pension of Henry Barton increased. Hon. Holmes Conrad is in the city. Senator McCormick is here. General W. H. Payne's brother, Charles, who has been sick for some time, died at Warrenton to-day. H. M. Smith, Jr., of the Richmond bar, arrived this morning and has been busy all day in a law case.

THE ARTHUR MEN AND THE SENATORSHIP.

The Arthur men now display bitter hostility to Morton for senator from New York. They say that as an appointee of the President as Minister to France it was indecorous for him to enter the race against the late Senator. They say that more than any one else to force Mr. Arthur from the senatorial race. It is evident that they want Everts to win, even though he does perspire ice-water. Other Republicans here feel differently, and think that Morton's money ought to win. A Democrat of prominence says that the blackguardism of Everts about the South in the last canvass exceeded anything except Blaine's stumpy speeches.

BASE-BALL AT THE MONUMENT.

A number of local base-ball players went to the Washington monument to-day and endeavored to catch a ball thrown from its top, a distance of 555 feet. Several attempts were made, but none were successful, as the ball fell at least fifty feet from where they judged it would fall. This indicates that balloons can never be used successfully in connection with base-ball games.

THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE QUESTION.

The Senate to-day discussed further the Cullom railroad bill, which provides for a commission. The indications were at an early hour that the Senate would pass a substitute for the Reagan bill. That will carry the subject to a conference committee, and the result, it is predicted, will be a compromise bill. Senator Garland, at 3 o'clock, moved to refer both bills and amendments to the Committee on Railroads, and Senators Bayard, Ingalls, and others took the same position.

DEATH OF ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSON.

Mr. Tucker received this afternoon a telegram stating that Albert Sidney Johnson, only son of Colonel William Preston Johnson, died to-day of typhoid fever at Harrisburg, Pa., where he was engaged in the iron business. He was a young man of rare qualities of head and heart, and was noted for his sunny good looks. His father has the sympathy of a host of friends here in his great affliction. The deceased was a grandson of General Albert Sidney Johnson.

THE POSTAL CLERKS.

Messrs. H. C. Senior, T. A. Hopkins, and Frank Herbert appeared before the

THE CABINET, &c.

A Democratic senator, who is well-informed, says he is certain McDonald will go into the Cabinet.

The news to Democrats this evening was that Morrison (Democrat) has the best show for senator. This is bad on "Black Jack."

It is generally understood that Mr. Cleveland will not reach Washington until a few days before the inauguration.

Internal revenue, \$400,810; customs, \$435,495.

The wife of the President's brother, who has been a guest at the White House, left to-day for New York.

Senator Vest, who was a member of the Confederate Congress, was congratulated on his unanimous renomination by the Democratic caucus of the Missouri Legislature.

Mr. Randall, when shown one of Waterson's attacks on him, said if he has a personal grievance he ought to seek personal redress. Mr. Randall does not propose to enter into a personal controversy.

Secretary Chandler says in a report to the House that 230 cannons were borne on the naval pay-roll during 1884.

WASHINGTON, January 9, 1885.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported favorably, and the Senate passed, the bill directing the transfer of one of the vessels of the Greely relief expedition to the Treasury Department for a revenue cutter for use in the waters in Alaska, and authorizing the retention of the other two for use in the navy as surveying vessels or otherwise.

In submitting the report, Mr. Cameron said the revenue cutter now in Alaska was insufficient for the purposes of the Government.

Mr. McPherson inquired whether there was any intention on the part of the Government to return to the English Government the ship presented by the latter Government to the United States for the purposes of the Greely relief expedition.

Mr. Cameron replied that he was not informed on the point, but under the law as it would stand without the passage of this bill, the Secretary of the Navy would be required to sell all the ships forming a part of the relief expedition.

Mr. Jackson, from the Committee on Pensions, reported favorably, without amendment, the bill introduced yesterday by Mr. Allison, comprising the legislative provisions of the pension act.

After debate without result on the principle covered by the amendment, but because they did not think the amendment necessary under the special circumstances of the Oregon Central case. He then withdrew his motion to reconsider. The bill, therefore, stands passed as amended by the Senate.

Now goes to the House of Representatives. The Senate proceeded to the consideration of bills upon its calendar.

After debate without result on the bill for private relief, the Senate resumed the consideration of the inter-State commerce bill. Mr. Garland called up House bill on the same subject, with the view, he said, of moving to reconsider the Senate bill, with all its proposed amendments, together with the House bill, to the Committee on Railroads for further consideration.

After debate without result on the title, and Mr. Garland addressed the Senate on the subject matter. He directed his argument principally against the commission proposition, admitting that Congress itself might regulate inter-State commerce. Where did we find the power in Congress to delegate its power to a commission? Delegated power could not be sub-delegated. Congress could not give its legislative power to a commission.

It was unheard of that legislative power should be delegated. The powers lodged in the commission were extraordinary, and Mr. Garland asked senators to pause and seriously consider the bill. It not only gave the commission legislative but judicial power. It seemed to him that the courts were competent to deal with the questions, and that if they were not their jurisdiction could be enlarged.

He thought the bill just passed by the House of Representatives a better measure than any of the measures proposed in the Senate. The House bill defined what was wanted and did not leave it to any subordinate officer or commission. It did not delegate the power of Congress to any other body, and it was not a mere amendment within the Constitution. The question of what was State commerce and what inter-State commerce was a very difficult one sometimes to decide. Great danger in a clash between the States severally and the United States arose on this very question. He believed that the greater progress would now be made by recommending all the bills and proposed amendments to the committee, who could consider them and report promptly to the Senate.

After further debate, participated in by Messrs. Bayard, Dawes, Cullom, Harrison, Ingalls, Slater, Maxey, and Jones of Florida, the motion to reconsider was rejected by a vote of 18 to 24.

Mr. Cullom said that when, after discussion, the Senate bill should be perfected he would move to amend the bill by substituting the Senate bill for it.

Mr. Wilson's amendment making it unlawful for railroads to discriminate against localities or individuals was added to the bill.

Mr. Vance proposed an amendment making it unlawful for railroads to charge small shippers higher rates than large shippers. The subject to which the bill related, he said, constituted the coming question in American politics for the next twenty years.

It may be that some day the public will be willing to commit the commerce of the country for all time to the greed and cupidity of railroads without endeavoring to protect themselves against extortion. He acknowledged that difficulties surrounded the subject, but a beginning had to be made. There was no reason why railroads should not be as popular as they were necessary; they were public servants, and were no more justified in charging a poor man or small shipper more for service rendered him than they were charged for like service to a rich man or large shipper. It would be like the case of the

A DYNAMITER'S DAGGER.

Attempted Assassination.

An Alleged Tractor Destroyed by an O'Donovan Bomb.

New York, January 9.—The office of O'Donovan, the so-called dynamiter, at 10, 12, and 14 Chambers street, where Rossa prints his paper, the United Irishman, was, about 4 o'clock this afternoon, the scene of an attempt to assassinate the man who, faithful to the cause of the dynamites, he thought was a traitor to his principles. The victim was Captain Thomas Phelan, a man clearly identified in previous years with the Irish movement in Kansas City, Mo., where he resides, and is superintendent of the work-house. He was brought to this city by a letter sent him by John T. Kearney. The intention to kill him had seemingly been premeditated for weeks. The enemy against him arose from an interview with him published in the Kansas City Journal a fortnight ago, in which he appeared to reveal the secrets of the dynamites. The captain arrived in this city only three hours before he was attacked. When he reached here he went to Kearney's house, 452 West Twenty-ninth street, and the two went at once to Rossa's office. A few minutes after he entered that office he was attacked. Chambers street is usually crowded in the afternoon. To-day was no exception. A large number of people were gathered around the scene of the attack. The captain was struck on the side of the head by a bullet which entered the skull. He fell to the ground, and was carried to the hospital. The bullet was fired from a revolver. The man who fired the shot was seen to flee. He was followed by a crowd of people. The police were called, but they were unable to catch the man. The man who fired the shot was seen to flee. He was followed by a crowd of people. The police were called, but they were unable to catch the man. The man who fired the shot was seen to flee. He was followed by a crowd of people. The police were called, but they were unable to catch the man.

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